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THE NATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN

Council an Embodiment of Intelligence and True Worth—Race Interests—Officers.

It is the expressed opinion of some of the oldest citizens of Washirgton that the National Afro-American Council was the greatest gathering of its kind in point of intelligence, character and number that has been held by the colored people in many years. A most significant circumstance was the fact that every delegate paid his five dollars without demur; cash and subscriptions amounting to over $2,000

The Council was called to order by the President, Bishop A. Walters, on Thursday, Dec. 29th, at 11 a. m. in the Metropolitan, Baptist Church, R. street, between 12th and 13th, N. W. The platform was graced with the presence of Bishops Arnett and Grant, of the A. M. E. Church, Bishop G. W. Clinton, of the A. M. E. Zion church, Rev. I. L. Thomas, D. D., of Washington, Rev. J. M. Henderson D. D., of New York, Hon. H. P. Cheatham and Prof. Jesse Lawson. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bishops Arnett, Grant and Clinton, after which the call for the meeting was read by Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett, secretary of the Council.

District Commissioner, John B. Wright, who was to have welcomed the Council to the city, sent regrets for unavoidable absence and Rev. I. L. Thomas D. D., delivered an eloquent address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Washington. An excellent response was made on the part of the Council by Rev. J. M. Henderson, D. D. President Walters appointed committees on credentials and address to the public. Next in order was President Walters' address, which evoked the greatest enthusiasm; at its close he was given the Chautauqua salute.

NIGHT SESSION.

The large auditorium was crowded with eager listeners. The session opened with prayer by Dr. G. B. Howard, of Washington. Telegrams and letters were read from Bishops H. M. Turner and B. T. Tanner, Prof. Booker T. Washington and others, regretting inability to be present and wishing the Council success.

Ex-Representative George W. Murray the first speaker of the evening delivered a practical address on "Our Progress in Business" in which he said the Afro-Americans were entitled to a share in the business of the Nation according to their numbers, and that those who entered upon business enterprises should be supported by the members of their race especially.

Hon. John P. Green, of Ohio gave a short discourse on the "Protection of American Citizens," followed by Hon. H. C. C. Astwood, who said that the greatest question now before the Nation was the protection of Negro citizens. Bishop A. Grant delivered a masterly address on "The Power of Organization," which called forth hearty applause. He said in part, "Let us amass our forces acquire wealth and education, be true to God ourselves and our families, and the answer will come bye and bye." Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett, Secretary of the Council, next stepped upon the platform amid applause and was given the Chautauqua salute. "Mob Violence and Anarchy, North and South," was the subject of her discourse and right ably did she discuss it in all its phases. The murder of Postmaster Baker, the trouble at Virden, Ill., and the recent election outbreakes in the Carolinas were dwelt upon at length. She said we must get a hearing before the white people of the North, who are not so much indifferent as ignorant, and finally, that we are opposed to expansion until this nation can govern at home.

Hon. H. P. Cheatham, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, in an eloquent speech made a strong plea for moderation. He counselled prudence and good judgement, together with firmness and retention of manhood. The greatest interest and enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meeting which adjourned to meet at 11 a. m. Friday. The doxology was sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Grant.

FRIDAY.

Friday was devoted to the business of the Council which was conducted in a creditable manner. A question arose as to whether the committee which had in hand the Address to the Public should report to the Executive committe before reporting to the whole body. Presiding officer, Bishop Walters ruled that said address should first come before the Executive committee, to which an appeal was taken. A vote of the Council was taken, but the tellers disagreeing among themselves new ones were appointed and the decision of the chair was sustained. The meeting adjourned at 1.30 to meet again at 7.30. At the evening session the church was again packed. The Address to the Country was read by Hon T. Thomas Fortune. Speeches were made by Major R. R. Wright, of Savannah, Ga., Dr. N. F. Mossell, Phila; J. Frank Blagburn of Iowa, Prof. W. H. H. Hart, of Washington; Mrs. R. Terrell President of the National Association of Colored Women, Miss Fannie Tompkins secretary of the same, Robert Pelham of Mich.; W. L. Taylor of Virginia; Dr. W. D. Clinton of Pa., Hon. Judson Lyon, Col. W. D. Pledger, Capt. Scott and others. A permanent committee was appointed to look after legislation for the race. A committee of which Bishop Walters was chairman had an audience with President McKinley on Saturday, and presented him with a Memorial against mob and lynch law and regretting his silence relative to the recent riots in North and South Carolina in his message to Congress. The President expressed his determination to do all in his power to adjust the situation.

The following are the officers and members of the Executive committee of the National Afro-American Council:

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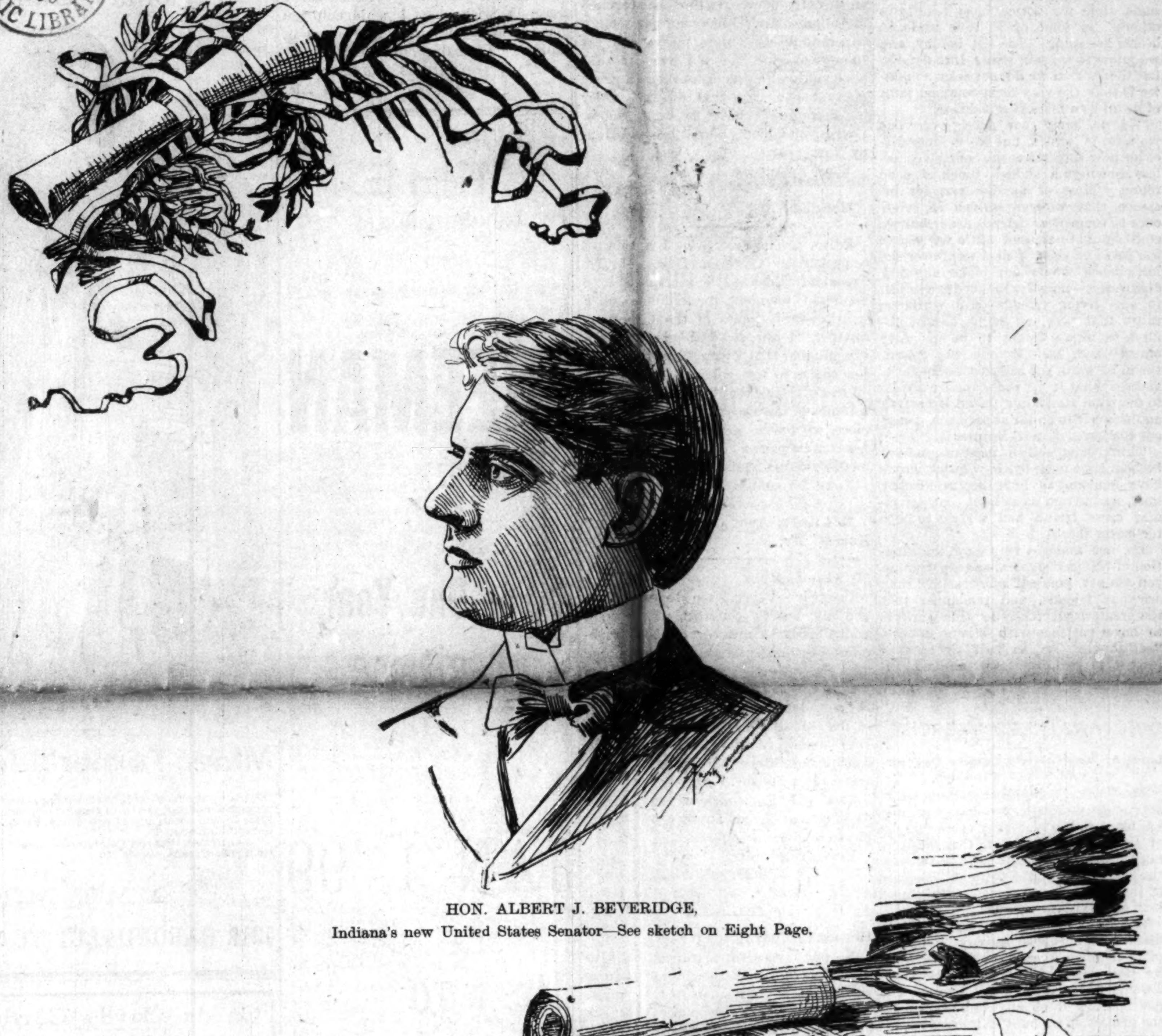
Miss Hessie Siler, has returned home from Plainfield where she visited her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Perren Siler. Miss Siler is an excellent literary worker and a promising young lady. The literary society is attracting much attention, it is visited by both denominations and interesting topics are discussed. C. Highbaugh is president and Miss Hessie Siler is secretary.



HON. ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE,
Indiana's new United States Senator—See sketch on Eight Page.

CHARGE UP SAN JUAN

AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE CUBAN CAMPAIGN GIVES AN

ACCOUNT OF THE FAMOUS CHARGE

Race Prejudice Fades Under the Glare of True Patriotism—The Foundation is Shaken—The Negro to the Front.

Fort Douglass, Utah, Jan., 1st., 1899,

Editor The Freeman:—There has been many magizine stories published of the now famous San Juan Hill charge. The most of them have been illustrated with imaginary scenes of the battle and with cuts of commissioned officers. But I have yet to see one that gave a likeness of any one of the black heroes who so gallantly defended the flag, and in fact, lead that deadly charge against heavy artillery, with small arms that planted the stars and stripes on San Juan Hill.

It will be remembered that in the fight at El Caney, in which Roosevelt's Rough riders were engaged, it all depended on the 10th U. S. Cavalry to "save the day." And the world should know how gallantly they responded, and amid yells and cheers for the stars and stripes mowed down the Spanish forces as mere chaff before the wind.

When the time came for that great and far seeing General, Joseph Wheeler, to select from among his cavalry brigade, a body guard and men to do duty as messengers on the fireing line, he did not look further than the 9th and 10th colored cavalry for his men. How well they did their duty, a glimpse at the General's official report will show, he says, they were brave to the point of doing, always courteous and obedient and I felt safe whenever a message was entrusted to either of them for delivery.

Many days before the first battle had occurred on Cuban soil between Shafter's army and the Spaniards, men were needed for the various pack trains to convey rations to the advancing army. Every one knew that the trees and under brush were filled with Spainish sharp-shooters, and that any small body of American soldiers were in the direst danger, yet when the call was made, the colored soldiers were the first to step to the front and offer their services. The 24th. Infantry alone furnished 16 men.

It must be admitted that the foundation upon which so much race prejudice has been built in army circles against colored commissioned officers, is fast crumbling to the ground. This has been plainly evidenced by the officers of this regiment as they have unhesitatingly endorsed enlisted men for promotion who were with them in the Cuban campaign. Not one word except those of praise can be found in any of the reports of the officers of this regiment, as regards the action of the men during the Cuban campaign.

Thus it will be seen that from the very hour the order arrived ordering them from their western homes, where they had been stationed to hold in submission hostile Indians, until the flag was raised on San Juan Hill, nothing but the noblest traits of patriotism was shown by the colored soldiers.

The writer being an active participant in the recent Cuban campaign, he will try to give you a description of what occurred between the hours of 7:30 a. m., and 6 p. m., on July 1st in his next letter.

BLUECOAT.

The Freeman's Holiday Number.

Your holiday issue of The Freeman to haud and must say you have passed all previous efforts along this line, it is a "thing of beauty and a joy forever" $1.00 cash would not purchase mine if I could not secure another copy. Wishyou the success you richly merit by giving us a real first-class Negro paper I beg tq remain respectfully yours,

S. MORGAN GAINES,
Pen Artist, Box 182, Luling, Texas.

MAJOR'S MELANGE.

Plunged in a gulf of dark despair
The helpless Negro lay,
We'll get our cheering beams of hope
Or Lucifer 'll be to pay.

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Now that the various state legislatures are convening, it appears to be a good idea for the Negroes in the various states to appeal to the representatives of these various states to enact laws bearing upon the equal protection of citizens.

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Rev. Isaacs and Dr. A. R. Griggs, of Texas, and we may mention also Dr. J. A. Dennis leading baptists, are fearless and able ministers, who are liberal enough to appreciate the good work being done by christians of other denomnations. We are personally acquainted with them, know the great work they have done, and know that the race interests are conserved in whatever work they lend their hands. The Baptists of Texas are making great laps and bounds. Prof. Abner, Dr. Garnett, Rev. Toliver, Prof. Ball, Prof. M. H. Broyles and many others are among the best products of the Baptist denomination. Hurrah for Texas, The Star and this galaxy of brainy leaders.

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Lawyer R. C. O. Benjamin is editing a spicy weekly paper. He has recently paid The Freeman such a high compliment that we would not show politeness did we not mention his able efforts in the Lexington Standard. Mr. Benjamin is fearless to the danger mark. He is manly and a little bit hard to be wholly understood, but we were associated with him in California where he forced respect to his race, by his stalwart ideas of right, equality and fair play, while associate editor of The LosAngles Tribune a leading white daily He writes with a pen dripping with ox gall; and he says things pertaining to the race in a way that one can always tell that it is the true Benjamin brand. Instead of the law or the press Mr. Benjamin might have adopted the stage. There is a sleeping Joe Jefferson in this wonderful little Negro.

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This column will hereafter contain occasionally matters personal. We shall voluntary speak as we feel about men and women who are devoting their lives to the race questions.

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The south should love McKinley, he has proven to them by uttered speech that their union is one of race, state and country. He has gone to the south's very door and told them that the north weeps for their disgraced dead. He has burried the hatchet, obliterated geographical lines, erased Masons & Dixons suryey and turned about face national opinion, but the defamed and ill-tempered southern sentiment remains the eating cancer of the nation while envy jealousy and sickening foolish self love is wrankling in the bosom of every contemptable and accursed follower of Tillman and Waddell and strangling them to death. The north drops a tear for the southern dead, who cloroformed the American nation and attempted to cut out its very heart. And now the president says the graves of treason must be held sacred. Much honor say some editors has made the nations chief mad and they exclaim in the name of progress we shall adopt the French motto "After us the deluge?"

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There is a struggle of the human spirit to break an intollerable thralldom which has been imposed upon it by the past. Nor can the firery spirit of roused America be soothed with cordials or be put to sleep with lullaby. The southern ancestors for 250 years had sown to the wind, and now their princely and good natured offspring must reap the whirlwind. Even the wish of Republican Presidents to introduce some feeble reform in financial and other affairs of the Republic are generally thwarted by certain anticedents which make improvement painful, and progress impossible. Like his prototype Rutherford B. Hays of Ohio, President McKinley is beginning to show signs of mental vacillation and weak, and irresolute traits of character. He should snatch from the hands of an ignoble south the cruel club that is destroying our institutions and the "scepter from tyrants."

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The Freeman is in receipt of more than a dozen letters, "How to solve the Race question." Philosophers are puzzled, while the adage that fools rush where angels fear to tread takes its usual precedent. It appear to a man up a tree that the best way to solve the frazzled thing is to wait, fifty years, yes a hundred and fifty. There will always be strife and pitched battle. As long as men kill each, some Negroes will kill and be killed. The morning papers tell us daily of a hundred crimes enacted the day previous. The civilization of hundreds or years do not seem to mitigate the bloodthirsty spirit of mankind. The destruction of others, even self demolition is rampant in our great cosmopolitan structure of society. The golden rule is the only thing that civilizes. It has well been said that "He who conquors by force, conquors but half his foe," and men who do not hold friendship for the friendless cannot be forced by law to carrry out more than their conscience dictates. Wait. The Golden rule is on the way.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

SELFISHNESS.

We Nearly Always Discover It In Others, but Never In Ourselves.

Probably the most insidious of all the faults is that upon the absence of which we most pride ourselves, and that at the same time we notice most readily in others. In some of us it is pride, in others gossiping. The list is long, and we know it without going into details, but that which we do not seem to realize is that the very most common fault of us all as a mass is selfishness.

We do know that nearly every one we meet is selfish, but we seldom discover how selfish we are ourselves unless shown by a sudden touch of deep regret. Most of us discover, for instance, that we were selfish in reference to some dear friend dead, but we stop right there, and while we regret the past and shed useless tears over the lost chance we do not make any new discoveries—namely, that we are selfish to our living friends—and while we think that they are being unfair, unkind, to us we forget to be generous ourselves, to look beyond the frown, the hard word, the selfish act or neglect, and see what it is that causes all this, to see what strain our friend is bearing and share it in so far as patience, generous forbearance, will lighten it.

Think how selfish most of us have been in time gone by, how quick words have gone out to hurt hearts already hurt, when from us at least that particular cross friend had a right to hope for better things.

Do not make a very close examination of things in general and see whether you are not yourself more selfish than are your friends, and remember that the greatest geuerosity in this world is to have patience with others in their "selfishness," for in half the cases at least it is pain or worry, not real intended unkindness at all.—Philadelphia Times.

OUR JAWS NEED EXERCISE.

Lack of Mastication Causes Dyspepsia and Teeth Troubles.

Mastication is rapidly becoming a lost art, and, although we have become hardened to the fact that three-fourths of the dyspepsia is due to this cause, it might surprise some of us to know that the early decay of the teeth and diseases of the gums are occasioned by this same lack of maxillary exercise.

A disease of the gums, called Rigg's disease, which is every day becoming more common, is caused almost entirely by the want of proper mastication. Twenty-five years ago this trouble was not considered of any importance by the dentist on account of its rare occurrence.

Today it is given more care than the decay of the teeth, as he is frequently consulted by patients who have a full set of natural teeth which are quite loose in the jaw. Aside from this they are sound and healthy, and after a certain development in the disease nothing can be done to help them.

By lack of exercise the blood which should nourish both the bones and the

Two Ways of a Sameness.

Skeptical Patient (to faith doctor)—How do you propose to cure this pain in my chest, doctor?

Faith Doctor—I shall pass my hands over your chest a few times, then tell you the pain is gone, and it will be gone.

Patient—Ah, yes! Will you dine with me, doctor? You can perform the cure afterward.

Doctor—With pleasure.

Patient—Well, take this loaf of bread and rub it on your waistcoat a few times and say you have had your dinner, and you will have had it. If the experiment is a success, we will go on with the chest cure.—London Telegraph.

Cucumbers are native to the East Indies and are grown in Cashmere, China and Persia. They were much esteemed by the ancients and are common in Egypt, where a drink is prepared from them when they are ripe.

The Christmas edition of The Freeman is published in this city by Mr. George L. Knox, consists of twenty pages printed on fine book paper. The issue makes a special point of discussing colored people on the stage who have attained prominence before the footlights. The whole paper is profusely illustrated and on the first page are shown the pictures of Isham's octoroon beauties, with discriptive sketch. In the second part of the paper there is an interesting article on Ernest Hogan, who has gained prominence as a song writer and comedian in the Black Patti troubadours company. A number of the contributions in the paper devote themselves to the discussion of the Negro problem from the black man's standpoint. The editorial page contains an editorial entitled "Merry Christmas," which briefly reviews the situation of the race question as it stands at present, and that which has transpired during the year about to end in the Negro World.—Indianapolis Daily Sentinel.

THE FREEMAN CROWNEDK ING.

Editor The Freeman:—Your Christmas number surpassed anything in journalism I have ever seen. I wish every Negro could read it. Truly Yours,

J. R. GLOSTER.
Brownsville, Tenn.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox,

My Dear Sir:—I want to congratulate you and The Freeman force on getting out such a splendid Christmas number. In addtion to the many excellent signed articles and much high class editorial matter, the mechanical get up of the paper is most commendable, you have surpassed yourself.

Yours Truly.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Editor Freeman:—Your Xmas number of The Freeman has excelled any paper daily or weekly that has reached Meridian so far. I have not got enough papers to fill my orders, please send me 10 more at once, and if I want more I hope you will let me have them, a great many took a copy that did not order it, therefore I have to order more. I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours for success in 1899,

T. MURRAY.

Meridian, Miss.

Editor of The Freeman:—I am in receipt of the Christmas issue of The Freeman. Enclosed I am pleased to hand you payment for and a stamped wrapper for 5 copies of the Christmas number. I am so well pleased with this number that I would like to send a few copies to my soldier friends far off in Cuba that they might peruse the columns of the race's greatest mouthpiece, with even greater interest than I search its pages. Send them by immediate return mail.

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JOHN Jr THOMAS,
1324 Union Ave., P. O. Station "A."
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Mr. Geo. L. Knox,

Dear Sir:—Permit me to extend to you my hearty congratulations upon your Christmas number of The Freeman, we consider that number in our minds as the highest type of the Negro journalism in America and well worth the consideration and high appreciation of any thinking class of people. May your success in the journalistic field continue on higher and higher in the scales of excellency.

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Elwood C, Knox, Esq.,

No one I am sure will attempt to deny the truth that the 1898 Christmas number of The Freeman is the finest edition of a Negro newspaper that has ever been published in the history of Negro journalism from whatever standpoint. My restless eagerness for its early arrival was more than repaid in its quiet perusals. Indeed it made me think more than ever of the possibilities to be obtained by a well supported Negro newspaper. I like to contribute to The Freeman because of the one principle it has,—a principle that cannot help but make it the ideal newspaper organ of the race; the endeavor to print all the news; not the news of certain factions or clicks, but as the people's paper, the news of the people, irrespective of their position in life.

The Freeman is certainly making rapid strides in advance of all its competitors and as I said on a former occasion in demonstrating in more ways than one that it is "the King of them all." Its 20 pages of the issue before me illustrates in every article that it is keeping abreast of the times and deserves the hearty support of the race throughout the country. All hail The Christmas Freeman '98.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

EDWARD ELMORE BROCK.
1525 Dean street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pine Bluff, Ark., 12, 27, '98

Dear Editor Knox:—The Freeman came to my desk this Christmas filled with the latest and the best of all good things, of news and beauty. I have read the newspapers nearly all my life, and have seen American, English and German newspapers of art, science and literature, but it is a fact that your Christmas edition surpasses anything of the kind I have ever read. Your paper is the exponent of a true genius business and go-aheadativeness. Evidently all you need to create a great journal is a strong aggressive support from your people should they unite from the great west and south upon your paper and give to it such support as they are able to give it, you would build up an engine of protection for the people, as strong and impregnable in this country as the Rock of Gibralter. Your paper is a credit to your race and its country. Your patriotism is not to be surpassed by any journal extant. You have demonstrated to the world the possibility of first class journalism, and you have stuck to it, and built up a paper that has taken its place to stay against all comers and goers. No man need doubt along this line. Unlike some others whatever your paper says can be depended on. It is chaste in language, and philosophic in its expression. Its mechanical work is second to none, clean clear facial type, the impression of its rollers is as regular, smooth and pretty as sunlight and the paper in its morality as pure as the thoughts of a pilate. God bless you and your great herculean effort to drive the quill of justice, morality and common sense into the home, head and heart of every American citizen. Go forward and fight the battles of a poor and oppressed people. God may have chosen and designated the force of your diamond point to split the Chinese wall of prejudice and grant to the American people of color freedom. Yours Truly.

A. M. MIDDLEBROOKS.

Editor The Freeman:—Permit me to congratulate you on the Xmas number. It is the best you have yet issued and I sincerely wish that I could help you place 25,000 copies into the homes of the race. I remain your friend,

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Homes, Negroes made, 'fore Sherman's raid
Back to the Nation's dome.
Here kindred sleep, just four feet deep
But their spirits 're jone on high
A tale so glad, I'm spared to add
To the joys of days gone by.

—Early Hicks, Co., "D." Macon, Ga.

Latest News.

Anacona. Mont. Special.

Miss Lizzie Jackson left for her Iowa home last week. Mr. Cue Workes was in town from Silver Lake and spent the holidays with his friends. Mr. Gus Lucas spent the holidays with his family. It is understood that wedding bells will soon ring in our midst. Mrs. John Charleston spent the holidays at Portland and other cities.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

We congratulates the Indianapolis, Freeman upon the excellence of its Christmas edition.—Richmond, Va., Planet.

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The Indianapolis Freeman's Christmas edition is a marvel of newspaper enterprise and reflects great credit upon its business management.—Chicago Conservator.

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The Indianapolis Freeman's mammoth Christmas number is the most creditable effort made in Negro journalism and in Negro newspaper management—Paul Quinn Weekly.

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The Indianapolis Freeman in the catalogue of colored journalism deserves the praise of the entire race for its very beautiful and most excellent issue for Christmas.—The Boston Courant.

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The Christmas number of the Indianapolis Freeman was a "stunner." It is a credit to Negro journalism in America. May it continue to prosper.—Galveston (Texas) Gazette.

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The Christmas edition of The Freeman which consisted of 20 illustrated pages was the best we have ever seen in the history of Negro journalism.—The Colorado Statesman.

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The Christmas number of "The Freeman" was the finest and best issue that came to our office. It has without a doubt reached the highest point of Negro journalism yet known to our race.—Iowa State By Stander.

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The Indianapolis Freeman has been deservedly praised so much that we feel that our little mite is unnecessary. We will say however, that the recent Christmas edition heads the list and surpasses all former efforts made by that enterprising journal.—The Western Enterprise.

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The Freeman a colored paper published by the Hon. Geo. L. Knox, of this city, was a thing of beauty Dec., 24th. The Freeman is twelve years old to-day and circulates in nearly every state and territory in the Union.—Indianapolis Marion County Gazette.

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The Indianapolis Freeman, the leading colored paper of the United States, contained twenty pages of reading matter and illustrations last week. The Freeman is published by Mr. George L. Knox, one of the best known and most highly esteemed colored citizens of Indiana, and the last number certainly reflects credit on Indiana journalism.—The Indianapolis Independent.

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The Freeman, which is published in this city, but which has a wide circulation throughout the United States, issued a large Christmas number of which the publishers might justly feel proud. It contains a large number of halftone engravings of men and women of the colored race who are prominent in theatrical, political, literary circles etc. The mechanical work is excellent.—Indianapolis, Indiana Woman.

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A young man in our office, after looking over the special edition of that popular paper, the Indianapolis Freeman, and beholding the various cuts, remarked, who could feel ashamed of the Negro race and the progress it is making. The Christmas number of The Freeman is far the best we have ever seen. It marks a new epoch in Negro journalism.—Victoria (Texas) Guide.

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The best Christmas edition of a newspaper, owned and controlled by colored men, that has ever come under our notice, and we have seen them all, was that issued by The Freeman, of Indianapolis, Ind., last Saturday. It was a corker, up-to-date in every department and replete with choice cuts, interesting matter and race news. Go on up to head, Brother Knox, and stay there.—The Pittsburg Press.

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We congratulate The Freeman on its splendid Christmas number. It has out done all previous efforts and shines as a star among its contemporaries. The illustrations show exellent press work, the typographical make-up is first class, as are also literary features.

The editor of The Freeman is one of our thoughtful men, as these words prove.

"Everybody is thinking and talking on the race question, It is now the Negroes opportunity. Let the white men urge the whites to a sense of their duty and let the Negro press urge the blacks to come up to the ideal and thus reach a common ground."—Charleston Inquirer.

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The Freeman, an illustrated colored newspaper, published in this city by George L. Knox, has issued a Christmas number of twenty pages. It is profusely illustrated with portraits and the calendared quality of the paper gives an excellent typographical appearance.—Indianapolis Daily News.

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The Christmas number of The Freeman, the greatest and most widely read Negro illustrated paper in the world, contains many special features and demonstrates the possibilities of Negro journalism.

It is indeed a pleasure to note the progress of our people along all lines of art and industry, and it is an additional gratification to know that the race has such able protectors as The Freeman, in whose columns is to be found the voice of our people, expressed by intelligent and experienced men whose race love, patriotism and business qualifications command the appreciation and respect of black and white alike. Long ive The Freeman.—Illinois Record.

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The Indianapolis Freeman's Christmas number fully demonstrated that The Freeman is the foremost illustrated colored newspaper. Much of its space was devoted to the theatrical profession and the members thereof, yet there were many gems of thought and matter for serious reflection for all. Hurra for The Freeman.—The Colorado Springs Sun.

The Freeman Leads.

"The Freeman's" Christmas is surely a grand edition and should be in every family in America. It surpasses all of its former publications, and is a splendid twenty page number. It is beautifully illustrated and shows excellent work in journalism. The cut collection is grand the design wonderful, the composition exact, and the makeup and press work alright. To make a long story short, "The Freeman" is the leading paper of the race.—The Utah Plaindealer.

June 26th, the time to New York over the Pennsylvania lines will be quickened. Train No. 20, the solid vestibule train which goes through to New York without change for either sleeping car or coach passengers, arrives Twenty-third street station, New York City, about one hour earlier than under the old schedule. The through time of this daily train is as follows under the new arrangement: Leaves Chicago 10:30 a. m., Indianapolis 2:30 p. m., Cincinnati 4:20 p. m., Dayton, 5:35 p. m., Columbus 7:50 p. m., arrives Pittsburg 1:40 a. m., central time: arrives Harrisburg 9:10 a. m., Baltimore 11:55 a. m., Washington, 1:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:52 a. m., Twenty-third street station, New York, 2:35 p. m., eastern time.

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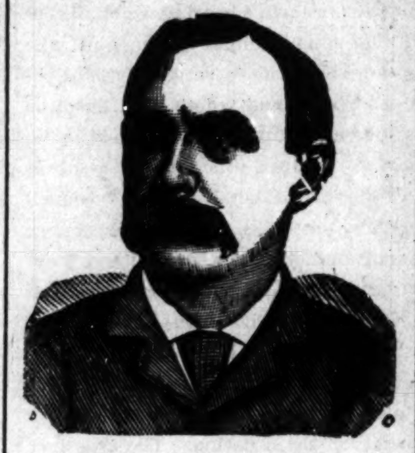
Personal Mention.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Miss Irene Brown, assistant principal of the city schools at Metropolis is the guest of Miss Ludie S. Hall. Earnest Muse, a student of the Southern Illinois Normal University. at Carbondale is the guest of Prof. A. Y. King. Jennie Jackson, of Beaver Dam, Ky., spent a few of the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ella Jackson. George Person and Charlie Slaughter spent a few hours in Centralia Saturday. Elbert Standard, of St. Louis was here a few days en route to Princeton, Ky. to spend the holidays with his parents. Mrs. Lula Parra, of Carbondale, spent the holidays in our city, the guest of Wm. Sutton and family. Rev. A. F. Daniels, of Carbondale, preached for the Baptists last Sunday, both morning and evening. Mrs. Mary Caloway spent last Sunday in Centrailia, the guest of Mrs. Thomas Caloway. Mrs. Queenie Davis left for Centralia on a business trip. Jesse and Earnest Stigger spent the holidays with relatives in Centralia. Mrs. Hattie Boyd and Master Andrew, of St. Louis spent their holidays in this city. Miss Anna Jerman, of Carmi is visiting Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Oliver, of Grand Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper of St. Louis have recently located in our city. Rev. and Mrs. Oliver entertained Wednesday in honor of their guest Miss Jerman. Rev. A. W. Turnley, of Vine Grove, Ky. is spending the holidays with his family on Elm st. Rev. G. W. Parker held his first Quarterly meeting Sunday. Rev. J. W. Owsley P. E. preached both morning and evening. G. W. Beauchamp and family moved to the country South of Mt. Vernon. Pavery's Chapel was crowded with an interested audience Saturday night on the occassion of the holiday festivities which were given under the auspices of the Sunday school. A splendid literary and musical program was rendered after which presents were taken from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and distributed among the pupils. The exercises were of the highest order and were greatly enjoyed by those in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edwards entertained Friday night in honor of the visitors to our city. An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Covington died at the family residence in North Mt. Vernon last Wednesday and was buried in Old Union cemetery, Thursday afternoon. The Mt. Vernon friends of Rev. R. R. Howard, of St. Louis expressed him a very handsome, tailor made pair of pants as a Christmas gift. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tandy entertained Thursday eve. in honor of Miss Irene Brown, of Metropolis and Mr. Earnest Muse, of Carbondale and others. Mr. and Mrs. Tandy have the reputation of entertaining strangers in the highest social way and the occasion was in every way equal to the saying. Rev. and Mrs S. S. Oliver and Miss. Jerman departed for Carimi, Thursday to spend a few days. Mrs. Harriet Bell and Master Elwood Stigger spent the holidays in Centralia.



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LATTER DAY TENDENCIES.

It is agreed on all sides that as time wings itself along, murkier grows the atmosphere that surrounds and permeates racial difficulties in America. What to do under the circumstances from the Negroes' point of view is at this time a question far more perplexing than ever before. What to do? that will bring the desired returns rather than that which has been set in motion by demagogues whose only aim has been to serve the ego, is the question. What has been done is what might have been done, did not the differences exist between the races. But what has been done under the circumstances, was born as much from the love of the individual as from the love of the species. The latter day tendency is rather towards political iconoclasm, a determination to batter down all established forms, governments, etc., because these plead inability to cope with a question that is so subtle and elusive in its nature, and moreover shielded by the masses against the intervention of governments. This fact while so patent and potent seems to figure but little in the adjusting of affairs as calculated by many of the Negro leaders. They positively refuse to take an inventory of racial affairs; insisting that success must come regardless of the ruinous conditions generally. They fail as a rule to reckon from a point, irrevocable; a point established by history, and one that everlastingly has an abiding place in the minds of free men. They rush pell mell from the hated past as from a pestilential disease. They are thoroughly ashamed, and perhaps rightfully, of the past and they will have none of it, forgetful that they are not the only quantity in the racial equation. On the other hand the white race true to history and tradition allows and insists that one more term enters the combination and that is time. This term the Negroes seek to eliminate instanter. In the nature of things the Negro that would not have the time element immediately eliminated is a miscreant; a civil, social and political misfit; but what about the millions who have never bared their necks? These are the ones that are to be dislodged from their entrenched positions, and in this case bombardment works a boomerang. The time element with no untoward circumstance will play its part as the leading character in the great drama of the races in America. If the Negroes follow the mandates of some of the would-be leaders, the Negro masses would soon become as the game of shuttlecock and battledore, rushing from pillow to post, politically speaking, trying to wring from frigid-hearted politics the boon, the panacea, that is invested in the people, and who only can give, if it is to endure. To denounce one administration makes it extremely easy to denounce again and finally it becomes chronic and the Negro race sinks owing to its impotent rage. Denouncement of an administration carries with it the denouncement of the party in power. Other parties must be sought, a new throne erected, another king installed to whom there will be more appeals as though the king in this case is not the embodiment of the sentiment of the people. Let the addresses be to the American people that's where the prejudices sit enthroned, and not border affrontery by insulting all the people in insulting the king. Politics has done its best and last in striking down prejudices. There is a higher court which must be resorted to. The sentiment of the American people is the court, and its edicts are very much stronger than the written laws. There are many noble minds of the other race who refuse to see a vast difference between white and black; but these too will be divorced in our irrational policy of denouncing governments. These will ere long be enrolled in that ever increasing host arrayed on the other side that holds no good proceeds from Nazareth. And when the great curtain rings down on the great racial drama there will stand class against class as in far away India—artificial bounds, yet, permanent and enduring as the hills. Visionary? not a bit of it. The condition now is not far removed. North Carolinia is casting in her assent. The sincerity of the would-be leaders is seriously doubted. Very often the ghost of a governmental position works quite a change of heart concerning these affairs. The cry comes to us, that those who are enjoying the fruits of their political labor have nothing to give out concerning these affairs. Would it be different if there was little more distribution of the good things? Would these act different? The cries of "Stab him!" would stick fast in the throat, like Macbeth who could not say Amen although he stood very much in need of saying it. The people are not drunk if a few would-be leaders be. The masses know full well the source of their civil origin and while agreeing that the conditions are extremely hard they also admit that the first given conditions were harder yet. The masses, if they are not unduly inflated by the drunken Peters are content to crawl upward to the plane where light shineth forever more. They are no more content to grovel in the dust of humiliation than the high geared advance, but they are less delirious, and more reflective. Let the Negroes proceed by that light as God gives it them to see and time the great leveller, will strike down the high places now inaccessible and for which the Negroes are yet unprepared. Not goaded on by the lash of augmented egoism by the few, but by common consent of the many, march into the full enjoyment of a great country's happiness which can never be the result of force.

Lynching goes bravely on despite our protests.

It is quite agreed that politics is at the bottom of our racial ills. Politics as a race profession must go.

The Young Men's Sunday Club after buffeting rough weather seems nigh unto giving up the ghost. The city stands very much in need of some such institutions.

A decadence of a literary spirit is noticeable in Indianapolis among the colored people. It is a mistake. Fitness to measure arms with the other races comes through preparation. Is it vanity or stupidity, or both?

In these days when sense and not sound merely is needed it would be highly fitting that the very much disgruntled T. T. Mis(fortune) of New York, exercise more discretion and sober reflection or keep his itching palm out of public affairs. All the Negroes are not in New York where a man can wiggle or wobble any way he choses and still lead his people. The whole of New York is exempted politically, as a state without convictions and where long purses reign. and Mr. Mis(fortune) is no better than his state.

This office is indebted to Mr. W. S. Posey, of Baldwin, La., for kindly remembering us, by sending us some moss for Xmas decorations. The very smallest favors are received and noted with pleasure. The peculiar, fragrant verdure of the Southland, the magnolia, the cape jasamine and other flowers whose aroma herald their coming are strange sights to see in our frozen clime, especially when the thermometer is registering zero.

Let the president talk for himself, John.

Don't fail to take advantage of our $1.00 rate—lasts until Jan., 31st.

Denouncing the administration is more politics—pernicious, active, demoralizing politics.

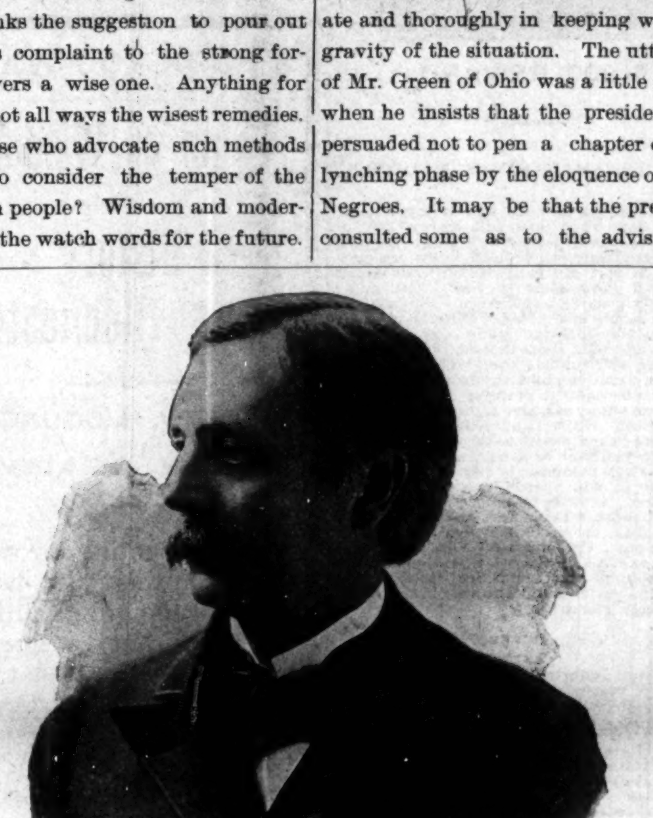
North Carolina now threatens to educate her Negroes to the extent of the taxes they pay. She should be great as become victors.

The Afro-American Council could not succeed in having Mr. Green of Ohio divulge those names. Any old names would have done.

So, McKinley is to be "stabbed." What will North Carolina do to the Negroes? The law of compensation is faithfully observed.

To annex or not to annex is the question. Mr. Bryan has tacked anti-annexation to his 16 to 1 movement. His condition is somewhat improved in the operation, but 16 to 1 is yet to much ballast. He does not make a good balloonist.

The Blue Grass Bugle of Frankfort, Ky., thinks the suggestion to pour out the race's complaint to the strong foreign powers a wise one. Anything for relief is not all ways the wisest remedies. Have those who advocate such methods stopped to consider the temper of the American people? Wisdom and moderation are the watch words for the future. There isn't a single power on earth that would dare think of intervening and any such importunings on the Negroes' part will be construed a studied insult. The mere suggestion is dangerous.



A. C. HARRIS.
Named for Minister to Hungary Austria by President McKinley

THE NORTH CAROLINA SITUATION.

Like Banquo's ghost, the situation in North Carolina will not down. The issue there to-day is not merely local in its scope. It would be local if when that state had done its worse the whole business would end then and there. But like the great sympathetic nervous system of the human body, stands the relation of the states, and ere long the malady of one will overleap all artificial bounds and infect the whole. North Carolina after having enjoyed uninterrupted political and civil freedom for more than thirty years now proposes a step backward so far as the Negroes are concern. The legislature of that state threatens to separate the school fund according to the taxes payed by white and blacks and using these portions respectively for educational purposes. It further proposes to inaugurate the jim crow car system a species of tyranny that bades no good to the country.

With a great deal of labor, C. H. J. Taylor has compiled a directory of the prominent Negroes of America. He admits that the list is not complete, but it is an interesting compilation. It is a fair index; pointing to those who are esteemed worthy of honorable mention owing to the part they are playing. The Freeman feels highly gratified that in the great array of race journals Mr. Taylor sets forth, it has the honor of topping the list. It may not have been placed so by design, but in the event it was, it may be due to the prejudices of Mr. Taylor in its favor. But, however, may it be said, that so far as its devotion to the work it feels that it has to do, it desires to stand very near the place assigned. Its sincerity in endeavering to bring about a peaceful solution of the very complicated racial conditions cannot be successfully questioned, even though its methods may differ. Mr. Taylor's directory will be eagerly scanned, since he is not a poor judge of men and affairs.

The Afro-American Council one of the most representative gathering of Negroes in America met according to program and it has now passed into history. The deliberations of that body, over which Bishop Walters presided, reached the high water mark for decorum and sincereness of purpose. Its address to the President, which perhaps should have been just appropriate had it been addressed solely to the American people, was couched in pleasant terms, but unmistakable as to intent. The lynching phase was made a special note for the president's hearing. John Mitchell that gallant knight of the quill who presides over the destiny of the Richmond Planet, and whose race devotion is known and applauded was selected to read the address—the careful result of the council's labor. That the council met and protested against the sundry wrongs inflicted on a patient and long-suffering people is sure; but the result of its work is by no means known. The other side is to be heard from. The utterances so far as known were temperate and thoroughly in keeping with the gravity of the situation. The utterance of Mr. Green of Ohio was a little insipid when he insists that the president was persuaded not to pen a chapter on the lynching phase by the eloquence of some Negroes. It may be that the president consulted some as to the advisability but the way Mr. Green puts it, the sole responsibility rests on these unknown gentlemen of "color." Diplomacy, and politics are all right but it is time to put in a question mark after this confession.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The Xmas edition of The Indianapolis Freeman—20 pages—finely illustrated, it columns filled with able articles, was undoubtedly a great issue.—Star of Zion.

The Xmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman was a creditable one. We take special pains in congratulating Mr, Geo. L. Knox.—Galveston City Times.

The Xmas edition of The Indianapolis Freeman capped the climax in Negro journalism. The illustrations were exceptionally good. The quality of paper and the reading matter were the best procurable.—The Paris Texas Reporter, (a white newspaper.)

We didn't see The Indianapolis Freeman for a long time, but when it did see it, it was a peacherino, It's 98 Xmas edition was undoubtedly the highest effort ever attained by the Negro in journalism.—Almo City Advance.

The Indianapolis Freeman issued a Xmas number which was highly complimentary to its editor and publisher as well,—South Western Christian Advocate.

The Christmas number of "The Freeman" was the finest and best issue that came to our office. It has without a doubt reached the highest point of Negro journalism yet known to our race.—Iowa State By Stander.

The Indianapolis Freeman has been deservedly praised so much that we feel that our little mite is unnecessary. We will say however, that the recent Christmas edition heads the list and surpasses all former efforts made by that enterprising journal.—The Western Enterprise.

The
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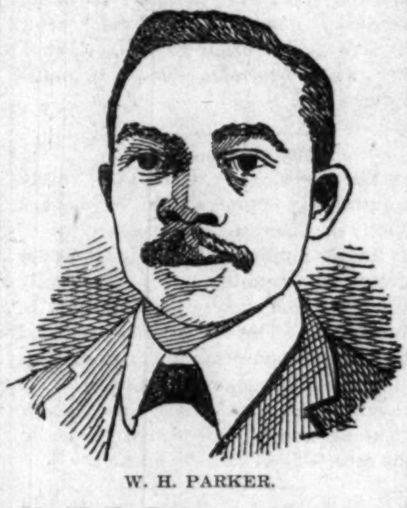

W. H. PARKER.

Mr. W. H. Parker of Montgomery, Ala., at one time hustling agent for the Austin Tex. Herald for two years or more is now our agent in Ala. He is a scholar, lecturer and writer, and doubtless will make his work, at least his way among the race. He represents The Indianapolis Freeman, and like Mr. Grant Neal, will travel as our hustling solicitor and newsgatherer. The above cut is an excellent picture of Mr. Parker.

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Well Agents, The Freeman is the Crowned King of journalism. The numerous testimonials make The Freeman force quit work at times to listen to what the Planet said, or the Statesman of Colorado, or the Statesmen of Denver, the Bystander, or the Broad Ax, the Utah Plaindealer and many more brilliant startling comments, but why Agents tell you all this? You tell us how gladly your people received the Xmas number, and you hear these testimonials so frequently in your talk to the many persons daily that this is slightly a bore.

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Did you read about Mr. Tucker the hero of San Juan Hill, and tell the people about seeing and reading of the black uniformed heroes of the late war? Here they are. We told you so, and we always keep our word. Agents, always keep your word. If you say you will do a thing, if it is right, do it or report to God the reason why.

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Editor The Freeman:—Xmas copies went like hot cakes, I had to hide a copy for myself. The Freeman excells all other race papers and ought to be read by all that want to know what the colored race is doing, I cannot find words sufficient to express the high opinion that I have of the Xmas edition,

Your Truly,
B. W. LOWE,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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AN AGENTS REFLECTIONS.

Greenwood, S. C., Jan., 1st., 1899

My Dear Mr. Knox:—I have had it up and down for the last ten or twelve days. First I went from here to Greenville, but on account of the rough and crude accomodations for colored traveling people, I was forced for the sake of health and decency to make my stay as short as possible. The two nights I was in Greenville I had to sleep in a little 2x4 bed, with a shuck mattress. I suffered from being punched in the ribs of my side by shucks, and the second and last night all the slats fell from their respective positions, and I found myself sleeping on the floor the next morning. The most rediculous of all, the proprietor of the shanty had the gall to ask me "How did you rest last night," I referred him to the room to which he assigned me, and that was all the answer I gave him. Yes, I left Greenville a wiser but sadder man. Wishing you a Happy New Year I am your friend,

GRANT S. NEAL.

P. S. I am off for Augusta, Ga., a place where I will get a light of civilization and intelligence.

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Don't fail to take advantage of our $1.00 rate—lasts until Jan. 31st.

The Christmas number of The Freeman, of Indianapolis, Ind., surpasses anything heretofore attempted in Negro journalism. In fact there are few papers conducted by the white race that can surpass this number of The Freeman. It is profusely illustrated with cuts of all the leading stars in the theatrical profession of our race. It also contains many able articles from the pens of the most eminent scholars and educators of the race, such as M. A. Majors, M. D., Prof. W. H. Scarborough, A. M., Judge D. A. Straker, W. T. Menard, J. A. Jones and Mrs. Mary Church-Terrel, who is the president of tho National Association of colored Women. Every Negro who loves his race should secure the Christmas number of The Freeman.—The Broad Ax.

Get The Freeman for $1.00 and send it to a friend in Cuba.

Gleanings.

Glasgow Ky., Special.

The Glasgow Normal School opened Monday, Jan., 2nd., Prof. W. T. Bowman principal and Mrs. N. Smily, assistant. This school offers to the young men and women of southern Kentucky a splendid preparation for future life. J. T. Whitney, attorney of Hopkinsville, is visiting friends here, Miss Alice Garnett of Bearwallow, is the guest of Miss O. J. Garvin here. The members of the first Baptist church are expecting a revival soon. One of the most magnificent socials ever given in Glasgow was at Mrs. Fannie Wood's. All present enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Among the participants were Misses Alice Garnett, O. J. Garvin, Lizzie Randle, L. B. Lee, Iris Alexander, Ellen Duerson and Alice Moss. Messrs N. W. Dunn, Jack Howard, J. F. Duerson, Henry Crutcher, J. W. Dunn, J. W. Whitney and J. A. Davidson. Subscribe now while the $1.00 rate is on. V. W. Dunn agent and correspondent.

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BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Bozeman, Mont. Jan., 16; Helena, 17; Great Falls; 18; Butte., 19-21.

CANADIAN JUBILEE SINGERS & IMPERIAL ORCHESTRA.—Plymouth, Ind., Jan. 16; Valparaiso, 17; Chicago, 18-22.

ISHAMS OCTOROONS—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 8-14.

JOHN W. VOGEL'S MASTODAN MINSTRELS AND EXTRAVAGANZA CO.—Findlay, O., Jan., 16; Lima 17; Delphos, 18; Wabash, Ind., 19; Peru, 20; Logansport, 21.

MAHARAS' MAMMOTH MINSTREL—Oakland, Cal. Jan. 9-16.

OLIVER SCOTTS REFINED NEGRO MINSTRELS.—Beaver Falls, Pa., Jan., 14; McKeesport, 16.

RICHARDS, PRINGLES, RUSCO & HOLLAND'S MINSTREL FESTIVAL—Troy, Ala., 16; Thomasville, Ga., 18; Tallahasse, Fla., 19; Jacksonville, 20; Fernandina, 21.

J. Turner Wall sends regaras to all friends.

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Fred W. Simpson, called by the music loving public "The Black Innes" is still climbing the ladder of success. People who hear his wonderful tone and witness his rapid execution, simply bow their heads and slowly walk away with the remark: "The best I ever heard!"

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J. Turner Wall is making the hit of his life, with Welch Bros' "Old Southern Life" company. Mr. Wall is booked solid for twenty weeks through England, over the Payne circuit.

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During the engagement of the Black Patti Troubadours at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Will Frazier, of the company were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hilyard, of St. Paul.

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Marsh Craig, the world's greatest contortionist and hand-balancer, continues to mystifiy the hundreds that witness the seemingly impossible feats that he accomplishes with all the grace of an Appolo. Mr. Craig will appear in a new and novel act next season.

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Simpson & Pittman, high-class musical artists, are introducing for the first time to the public the great Aluminum Chimes, a rare and beautiful instrument made especially for them. These chimes are undoubtedly the greatest instrument of the age, being the only set on the American stage. They write "We use no guitar, mandolin or banjos, but all new and novel instruments, made to our own design. The audience yells, the manager smiles, and we do the act. Act runs from twelve to twenty minutes. Slide trombones in band, viola and trombone in orchestra. Open for engagement next season.

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The Imperial Colored Minstrels under the management of Pat H. Chappell is meeting with great success through the South. The following is the roster: P. H. Chappell, manager and proprietor; Lucy R. Peters, Lizzie Roberts, Lillie Higgins, Jennie L. Hopkins, Angeline Brown, Lulu Jackson, Julia D. Green, Geo. B. Higgins, Horace Murray, John Weaver, Arthur Howe, Samuel Cohen, James Carter, T. H. Price, Chas. Jones, Jesse Small, Allen Robinson, Henry Fitzgerald, Theodore Redding, Charles Martin, W. H. Williams, Mack Perkins, Richard Collins, John Walker, Evans Hall, and Fred D. Sulis.

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J. Ed Green, the American baritone, says that he has accidently dug out of vast field of harmony a young baritone singer, that bids fair to make a great vocalist, Mr. Ralph Devine, who is making a hit nightly, with the Oliver Scott Minstrels, singing New York's latest success: "My Creole Sue." Mr. Green also writes that in the issue of the 20th no doubt will appear the names and photos of the ones to constitute the Great American Choir, which through the "add" in the Freeman brought him numerous letters. Mr. Green sends regards to all.

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Mr. Fred W. Simpson writes the following from the Oliver Scott Refined Negro Minstrels: "Business continues up to the standard with the merry minstrels. We are now headed East and all is well with the boys. We have successfully played several cities behind the Al G. Field Big White Minstrels and both press and public have spoken highly of our entertainment. During our engagement in Charleston, W. Va., Messrs. Craig, Allie Brown, J. Edward Green and F W. Simpson were dined and entertained at the home of Mrs. Pate, the mother of W. O. Terry, the famous trombone soloist. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mrs. Pate, for the splendid dinner that she served, and the handsome way the boys were treated. Ben Moore, the great basso, joined us at McConnelsville, O. Mr. Moore will manage the stage. "Ben" is still the "real thing" although he has had a hard spell of sickness. He sends regards to all friends. Joe Ricks sends regards to C. J. Scotte and W. C. Handy and would like to hear from the gentlemen. Mrs. F. M. Hailstock after spending eight days with her husband, our musical director, has returned to Akron, O., which will be her future home.

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Mr. Raymond Augustus Lawson, the gifted pianist, who has been studying for the past two years at the Hartford (Conn.) Conservatory of Music, is visiting his parents in Shelbyville, Ky. Mr. Lawson gave a piano recital on the 10th, in the parlors of the Armstrong Hotel, that city. The program embraced selections from Chopin, Liszt, Beethoven, Schubert and other masters. The musical critic of the Nashville American, after hearing him play, speaks in the highest praise of his work, adding that he possesses an undeniable right to the title he claims—that of virtuoso.

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John Eason, of the Oliver Scott Minstrels, sends regards to Lloyd Cooper, Chas. Parker, J. E. Adams, J. D. West and all members of the St. Louis Union Military Band, which is under the management of Henry Williams. John says to all the boys that he has a cadenza that he makes on the tuba, a mile long. We are playing with great effect the "Harlem Rag," by Tom Turpin, the noted St. Louis pianist. We have it only for orchestra, and play it to close the show and it never fails to hold the crowd.

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Mr. Clifford D. Brooks sends the following from Jno. W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels and Extravaganza company: "While passing through Erie, Pa., enroute to Conneaut, O., we had to lay over there a couple of hours, after missing connection with the early train. The members of Prof. Smith's $5,000 challenge band gave Mr. Knowlton, the genial manager of the Lyceum Theatre, a serenade which was highly appreciated. this was done in honor of the hospitality shown us by Mr. Knowlton during our engagement there sometime ago, and after playing a few choice selections of standard music we had a few minutes to see some of the show at this popular variety house, which engages some of the best vaudeville stars in the business. During our short stay we had a very swell time—one which we cannot forget soon. The following is the members of Henderson Smith's famous challenge band: H. Smith, conductor; G. W. Housely, solo cornet; Frank Patrick, 1st cornet; Mat Housely, solo alto; U. S. G. Patterson, 1st alto; James A. Osborne, saxophone; Lewis Tio, clarionet; C. P. Jones, piccolo and flute; Geo. Bailey, 1st trombone; Miss Nettie Goff, 2nd trombone; Angelo Housely, euphonium; W. A. Porter, 3rd trombone; Lloyd Cooper, tuba; Beverly Housely, snare drum, Chas. B. Tyler, bass drum; C. D. Brooks, cymbals. Mr. John Rucker, the "Alabama Blossom" is making a big hit singing all of F. A. Mills' latest hits. Mr. Rucker was requested by over one hundred ladies, at Ashtabula, to call upon them, so that they could see his enormous mouth, and they had a doctor present to take an impression of his mouth. Miss Lily Garay is making a big hit singing: "Military Mollie" and "How I Love My Lue." The papers at Akron, O., said that John Rucker and Charles B. Tyler are the two best colored comedians that ever visited their city. Guy Hughes tenor soloist. had quite a swell time, while at Akron, being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hailstock. Watch the big show.

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Ernest Hogan, the king of colored comedians, is to star next year in a novel and strictly original play, written by himself and he is greatly pleased at the encouragement he has received from prominent and wealthy friends in Chicago, who are prepared to assist him in any way to reach the goal of his ambition, which is to occupy a position in the theatrical world that has never yet been filled by one of his race. His success during the past two seasons has been phenomenal and his future is rich in promise and filled with limitless possibilities. After having thoroughly established his reputation throughout the west and south, Mr. Hogan made his first appearance in New York last June, with the result that the popular verdict there was the same as everywhere else.

He has written his own play and has christened it the "King of Coon Town." It is a novelty in more ways than one and is an exemplification of the originality and genius which make the author-actor a unique figure among colored stage folk.

In "The King of Coon Town." he has done away with all of the "whoop la" business which until his advent had come to be regarded as the foundation of all Negro performances and his play will be the first legitimate colored production that has ever been on the boards.

It is a novelty in many respects and promises to attract attention on its own merits, regardless of the fact that the author appears as the star.

It will combine opera with farce and comedy with pathos and through it all will run a pretty love story, in which respect Mr. Hogan sets an entirely new departure.

"The only real love in the world" says the author, "is found among the Negroes of the south, but, strange to say it has never been shown on the stage.

"I am going to introduce it. There will be no cake walk in the play though there will be something new in that direction."

The story of "The King of Coon Town" is intensely funny and with Mr. Hogan in the title role it presents opportunities for innumerable ludicrous situations.

The interest centers about two rival Negro politicians in New Orleans, each of whom has a large following, though "Scrub Ashby" (Mr. Hogan) is the King.

Ashby caters to church people and gamblers alike and extorts money from every one in natural style.

Rival meetings are held and the two leaders finally fight a duel, in which a preacher interfers, just in time to receive all the bullets.

The King's candidate, Major Johnson is finally elected and a torchlight process on follows.

Then the king and the successful candidate are waited upon by the committees with all sorts of ridiculous requests.

One wants a law passed prohibiting the use of locks on chicken-coop doors and another asks that all dice be made of glass to prevent cheating at craps.

All decrees asked for are issued by the king and every one is sent away happy.

Major Johnson discovers that his election expenses took all of his money, and his daughter who acquired an excellent musical education in Europe, offers to go on the stage to retreve her father's fortune.

The king is in love with the young lady and puts up the money to back her.

A stranded opera company is engaged and the major's daughter appears as the prima drnna.

She creates a sensation and restores her father's wealth.

Then she marries the king, but remains on the stage and the rival politician winds up as property man in the company.

As is to be expected the play abounds with funny situations of every description and it will be presented entirely by colored people.

As the feature of the "Black Patti" show, Mr. Hogan acquired a reputation last year such as no colored man has ever had, and he is now meeting with flattering reception's everywhere.

His work this year shows great improvement over last season and praise is showered upon him from all sides.

Through it all, however, he retains a modesty that is remarkable and the good sense that he displays in all matters cannot fail to land him in the position he covets. J. HARRY JACKSON.

If you kick on the $1.50 rate. now pay $1.00 and get your money's worth.—Good until Jan., 31st.—Send $1.00 now.

Emancipation Celebration.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The Emancipation Celebration was a success, but the enthusiasm usually attendant upon such occasions, was not there. Prof. W. H. Crogman, of Atlanta, was the orator of the day. He is a good thinker. Miss Lucy Parker has resigned her position in the public school. to engage in some charitable work. She is succeeded by Miss Calloway. Miss Annie G. Kennedy has been elected as teacher in the city schools. She handed in her resignation as organist of Warren Chapel. The pastor and officers regret very much to give her up. Miss Sallie M. Jones, formerly of Nashville, but late of New York, has opened a school of music in the city. Open doors were kept on New Years Days (Monday) at the residences of Mesdames Malinda Taylor, Rose and Fagala, Rev. Dr. J. A. Jones celebrated his fortieth birthday on the 3rd, inst., by a social and tea at the residence from 4:30 to 6:30 p. m. and a banquet at the church from 8:30 to 11, p. m. An excellent program was rendered. Many handsome and valuable presents were handed in at the residence by the many friends of the pastor. A grand Rally will take place at Warren Chapel on the 4th Sunday in January. The object is to commence work on the building again. The measles and la grippe have taken possession of the city Meningitis is also an epidemic in town. Week of prayer was observed by several of the leading colored as well as white churches.

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Gem City News.

Dayton, O., Special.

Rev. Gilmire of the Eaker street A. M. E. church of which he has been in charge of for two years, delivered a fine sermon Sunday evening to a large congregation. Gem City Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., meets the first and third Mondays of every month. The Knights of Tabor lodge meets the first and third Thursdays of every month. Mr. Chester Broady who has been on the sick list for two weeks is able to be out again. Mr. Ben Mosee of Washington street has been on the sick list but is able to be at work. Mrs. P. Hughes of Kirfaber street is suffering with heart trouble. Mr. James Kelley who has been on the sick list is able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parson are the proud parents of a fine baby boy. Mr. George Hall of Franklin, O., was in the city Thursday on business. A. B. Walker, barrister at law, attorney, solicitor etc., reporter for the Canadian Law Times, from St. Johns, N. B., Canada, spent a few days in our city last week the guest of Rev. John Coleman, 128 Ziglar St. Chas. Clark, was in Cedarville, O., last week on lodge business. Mrs. Walker, is on the sick list at the home of her Daughter, Mrs. Frank Mitchell on Washington street. Mrs. Chas. Martin and Mrs. Ed. Morgan were called to Bellfountain, last week on account of the serious illness of their sister, Miss Myrtle Stewart. Lottie Hammonds, of 54 Mead street spent the holidays in Springfield, O., with relatives has returned home. Shaw Wheeler, one of our young men is employed as clerk at Hawkins confectionary, 435 west 35th street. Edward W. Harris is now employed at the N. C. R. Co., as a janitor. Miss Bell Hopkins, from Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Will Hopkins on west Maple street. H. Tandy and son of Lexington, Ky., visited in our city a few days the guest of Geo. Henderson and family in Sears street. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Parson of Baxter street, entertained a few of their friends in honor of Miss Adella Butler's 20th birthday, Saturday Jan., 7, the guest were Misses M. Hanston, D. Burton, M. Hughes and L. Williams, Messrs John Butler Jr. S. C. Morris and Fred Brooks. Jas. Brown, has left the city for St. Louis, he was a member of the staff which he will be missed from. Gem City quartette sang in Piqua, O., Monday evening for the Y. M. C. A. Young, Parsons, Shepard and Young. There was a hot time in Franklin, O., Monday evening. The Cake Walk given by Prof. J. Payne, was quite a large affair. Some of the best cake walkers of the state appeared. But the championship was won by a couple from Dayton, Miss Clara George and E. C. Davis, which was five dollars in gold. Mr. Davis is a member of the staff. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hart opened the entertainment with their musical sketch. Mary Lyons of Xenia, was in the city Sunday the guest of friends. Don't forget The Freeman is on sale at Beard s confectionary, 223 W. 5th street he is open Sunday. Remember The Freeman can be secured for a year from now to the 31st for $1.00 See W. A. Johnson the agent 212 S. Main street barber.

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Petersburg Dots.

Petersburg, Va., Special.

The Y. M. C. A., work is making rapid progress under its new president, Rev. Royal Hart. The gospel meetings are well attended and much good is being done in this line of the work. They have organized a debating club and boys department. The boys department began with 17 names and is under the leadership of Rev. J. G. Harris. The peoples literary is being largely attended and has proven to be of much interest to the many who attend. The program of the last meeting consisted of a paper, which was discussed by several gentlemen, and several selections vocal and instrumental. The Central Club the leading organization of its kind in the city, has within the last year given four amateur theatricals, each of which was the original composition of one of the members. They have proven to be a source of enjoyment to the community and are always largely attended. All of the members have shown themselves quite adept as amateurs and many bid fair to make quite a name in that line. E. C. Mabey is the "Old man," of the company and has made quite a name for himself in his rendition of "Old Black Joe." John Elder, Walt Fields and Geo. Lewis are all well looked on as young comedians. The instrumental music is looked after by Messrs Haskins and Norris two of the best young musicans in the city. While the vocal music is under the care of Samuel Hastings. The vocalists are Alfred Fields, Robt. Hill, Jno. Robinson and Richard Matthews. C. J. Smith, who was one of Uncle Sam's Jolly Jack Tars in the last war is on a visit to his parents.

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Items of Interest.

Memphis Tenn., Special.

Lieuts. R. T. Brown and S. T. Guy of the 7th. Reg't. U. S. Volunteers have resigned their positions in the army and will open business establishments in this city. Both distinguished themselves while wearing the blue. Hon. Wm. R. Moore, will deliver a lecture to the LeMayne Alumni Association at the LeMayne School, Friday evening. Jan. 13. Mr. Moore is an able orator. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen recently delivered a lecture to the Epworth League of Centenary M. E. Church, subject "The Open Door Which the 20th Century Will Present to the Negro." The United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Memphis by their Attorney H. R. Saddler obtained an injunction from the Chancery Court of Shelby Co. restraining P. F. Hill and J. T. Turner from exercising any of the duties of State Grand Master or State Grand Secretary of said Order. Rev. Flagg of Avery, A. M. E. Church delivered the annual address to the Whittier Historical Association of this city. Rev. Ellington was orator of the day at Collin's Chapel, Emancipation day. The Emancipation Committee had prepared an excellent program for the occassion. Mrs. Anna White died at her home 317 Washington st. Wednesday Jan. 4th. The funeral occurred at Avery A. M. E. Church, Friday the 6th. inst. Misses Thompson and Kennedy, of Birmingham, Ala. were guests of Mrs. Johnson 443 Pontotiac st. during the holidays. Miss Estella Washington who was for a number of years a teacher in the public schools of this city will be married to Mr. Theo. Tracy, of Los Angeles, Cal. on the 9th. inst. Miss Washington is one of the most charming young ladies in this city. A surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cassells on the 27th ult. Among those present were Misses M. Mosby, Laura Dickerson, Elvira Jones, Cowan, Irvin, Estelle Washington, Lillian Car, Mrs. Bridgeforth and Dr. Burchett, J. T. Franklin, Geo. Byron, Wm. Foote, Wm. Halliday, Ben. Anderson, S. S. Brown, L. E. Brown and others. L. C. Moore the enterprising boarding-house keeper is still at the old stand on Poplar st. Mrs. Nannie West of 110 Pontotac, st. has been on the sick list for several weeks. Mr. P. A. Daniels of the First National Bank is one of the Freemans advocates. The Commercial appeal, the morning paper of this place is so desirous of having the colored people read and take their paper, they have given colored men routes to work. The carriers are meeting with success. Smith and Elliott have moved their grocery and butcher shop to 78 LaRose st. J. S. Dillard, the barber at 7 Mississippi ave., is delighted with The Freeman. Mr. Geo. Smith the caterer is one of the successful business men of this city. He has opened a second Cafe on Second st. The G. U. O. of O. F. building on De Soto st. is nearing completion. They are working on the third story. The building committee is doing great work. W. J. Irvine, formerly of Fort Smith Ark. opened a Luuch counter and restaurant at 141 Beele st.

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Personal Mention.

Springfield, O., Special.

The five churches in the city held union services at the City Hall Sunday afternoon Jan., 8th, quite a large crowd was in attendance. Revival services are being carried on at several churches. Miss Gussie Banks entertained at a six o'clock tea in honor of Miss Dent of Buffalo, N. Y., and the Misses Robbins formerly of Muncie, Ind., but now of Springfield. A menue of six courses was served, spending a pleasant evening the guest retired to their respective homes, cherishing never to be forgotten memories of the grand occasion, feeling very greatly indebted to Miss Banks for her kind rememberance those enjoying Miss Banks Hospitality were; Miss Dent of Buffalo, Miss Henson, Miss Mayme and Vennor Robbins, Miss Etta Stephenson, Miss Wells and Miss Mary Wiggins, Messrs Warrick, of New York, Everet Chapman, Dr. Winn, and Geo Linden. Cantwell McGee of Lima, O., who spent the holidays with friends in the city, left for Wilberforce University where he will attend school. Mr. Pearl Holland of La Rue, O., left for his home after a pleasant visit in the city. The soldier boys will return to their homes on the 19th of January, at which time a grand banpuet will be given in their honor by the Y. M. C. A. and the different lodges of the city. Mrs. C. M. Timbers is very ill at her home with la grippe, her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery. Miss Daisy Jewett who has been visiting friends in the city, left last week for a short stay with friends in Selma. O. Mrs. Lee of Deleware, O., spent the holidays in the city the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Linden of Euclia avenue Miss Irving has returned home after spending the holidays with her sister Miss Grace Irving.

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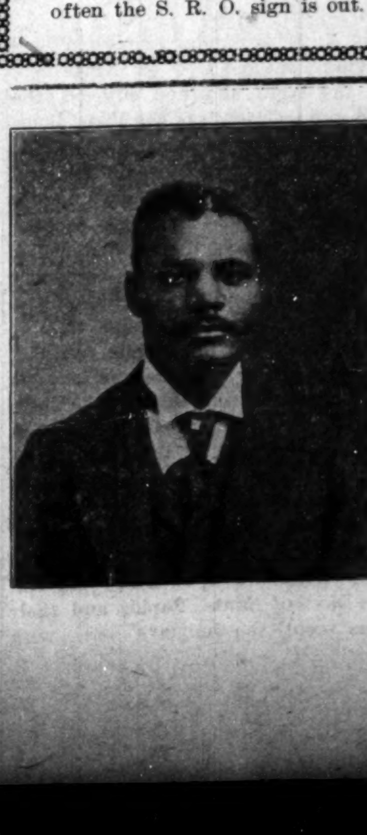

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XMAS REFLECTIONS.

Dr. John M. Henderson is truly a philosopher. His article in our Christmas number, while along the same line of race progression that characterizes the doctor's serious disquisitions on all race questions, he has we think transcended all past efforts in his deep and logical treatment of the race question from a socialogical point of view.

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Prof. W. H. Scarborough makes an able argument of the social question in "Where McGregor sits will be the head of the table." The entire article was written charmingly, entertaining, clear and forcible, such as a scholar might write. Let those who have the Xmas issue of The Freeman study closely and seriously the doctrine of the survival of the fittest so ably set forth in "Where Mac-Gregor sits will be the head of the table."

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Edward Elmore Brock in his excellent article "The Beauty of Thought." reaches the very acme of sublimity and goes a few niches further than our anticipation of what the subject matter embodied. He has truly written his name high on the honor roll of correspondent and proven his worthiness in the realm of versatility to be classed as one of the foremost "exhaustive subject" writers of the race. Read and re-read 'Beauty of Thought."

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Hon. C. H. J. Taylor always does himself proud in whatever subject he chooses to write upon. Being a logical speaker and debater, he is no less a Knight of the quill. In his well written article, "The Only Way," the race is given a fair stock of counsel from which, by close perusal it may gleam here and there much rich food and incontrovertable dogmas of a sure and safe solution of the race question.

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Mrs. Mary Church Terrell has sounded the key-note of warning in her excellent holiday article in The Freeman. The individual will become a success, when the home environments facilitate a better condition of affairs than does exist throughout the crowded Negro districts of large cities and in small towns where more than two persons have for their sleeping apartments only one small room. In this there is a moral question as well as a hygienic trespass upon the law of right living. Every colored mother in America should read and rightly interpret the good lady's well written article.

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Mr. Willis T. Menard has shown his forcible character in the logical treatment of "A New Epoch" in our Christmas number. He is concise and elegant and strong in his contentions. He volubly writes:

"A new epoch has dawned upon this 'land of the free and the home of the brave.' The strained relation existing between the phlegmatic and powerful North and the irascible and impoverished South for the past thirty years have apparently terminated with the successful ending of the recent war with Spain, and amid the hosannas of victory, the distribution of laurels, the eulogy of heroes, and pomp and pageantry, the Negro still occupies a position of neglect, and an object of continued proscription.

In an adopted country, without flag or father, and almost devoid of hope or promise, the patient but valient Negro has shed drops of precious blood and offered up his life upon the heights of Bunker Hill, the bloody ground of Fort Pillow, the desolate plains of the West and the plague-stricken fields of Santiago for the maintenance of national honor and the preservation of our starry ensign. What has been his reward? Why should he be denied the full need of success and the inalienable rights of citizenship vouchsafed by our national constitution?"

When has the man of color more ably expressed himself and contended more fairly for justice in the face of so much contributed Negro valor.

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Mr. J. L. Todd, of Cleveland, O., postal clerk running between Indianapolis, Ind., and Cleveland wrote elegantly on the railway postal service. If his efficiency is commensurate to his ability to reduce the functions of the office on paper and elaborate it in pleasing and well worded platitudes, then Mr. Todd is indeed a clerk of the highest type of our postal service. He says:

"If it were possible for the public to see the great efficiency required of the clerk and the amount of work his nimble fingers must perform in a given time, they would marvel at the accuracy with which mail is disposed of in transit, when it is known that of the twelve billion pieces of mail matter distributed in the past year, for every piece distributed incorrectly, over eight thousand pieces were distributed correctly. The clerk must be as familiar with the name of a cross-road postoffice of fifty inhabitants as he is with those of fifty thousand."

This abundantly testifies to the race's ability to demonstrate accuracy, and the successful management of the government's mail affairs. In every state and over every railroad in America, Negro postal clerks are proving to a nicety, their neatness, dispatch and accuracy. In fact their ability equal to that of their white brother in this specific line.

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Rev. J. A. Jones in his able article, "Negro Soldiers South," gives some good sound advice, counsel which the Negro soldiers should be quick to accept. He says:

"Let me appeal to the Negro soldiers throughout the country to be men, be gentlemen, be soldiers in its truest sense. Remember, you must be better men in every respect than white soldiers in order to receive what is due you by the white press of this country. Be loyal to the flag. Respect your colored officers and let the nation see that you can and will respect Negro authority. And respect Negro superiors in the same sense that you will white men. Sergeants, corporals, privates, one and all, don't forget that the world is looking at you as at no soldiers on earth. The Negro civilians are watching constantly for something for which to commend you. The whites are only on the alert for something by which to condemn you. The white press desires to show that colored officers are incompetent and that Negro privates are insubordinate under colored officers. Boys, give them the lie by showing that you are the best and bravest soldiers who follow the Stars and Stripes."

It has long been the spirit of The Freeman to remind the race that it should keep on dress parade. Holding its own always in the premises of good behavior, where the cruel eye of a conditional sentiment is ever watchful, and a harsh decree is given, save only where excellence is so exceedingly excellent, and that it then can escape the attention of the historian, who is diligently silent except only when the Negro proves twice a man. Dr. Jones is eloquently right.

Meridian Gleanings.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

T. C. Rushing, Will Botler, John Warel and Bailey Jones of Co. E, 3rd, Alabama Volunteers stationed at Anniston, Ala., who were in the city visiting their families left on the 28th. Mrs. M. Klien of Jackson, Miss., is in the city visiting her many friends. John King of Greenville, Miss., is in the city visiting his mother Mrs. M. King. The New Hope Baptist Sabbath school gave their Xmas tree on Monday the 26th, the tree was beautiful. Prayer by Rev. P. D. Jones, the exercises was under the direction of J. C. Hill the superintendent. The St. Paul M. E. church gave a Xmas ship at their church on the 26th. The 30th avenue Baptist church gave their Xmas tree on Monnight the 26th, which was a grand success all told. Rev. L. W. Watson preached all day Sunday at New Hope Baptist church to a fair congregation. Rev. Harris had with him Xmas day Rev. A. M. Trotter, presiding elder of the Meridian district of the M. E. church who preached a sermon to a fair congregation. The St. James A. M. E. church held their Xmas tree on Saturday the 24th it was a success. The Congregational Sabbath school had their Xmas tree in the Lincoln school building on Saturday night the 31st. Mrs. F. O. Mitchel has been quite sick the past week. E. H. Washington, who has been away from the city for some time returned on the 25th. L. G. Murray, mail agent on the M. & O. Road spent Xmas with his childien at Corinth, Miss. It will be remembered that Mrs. L. L. Murry. died on the 13th, she was a lovable woman.

How Two-Cent Fare Will Affect Business.

Notwithstanding the continual increase in expenditures for improvements demanded by this progressive age, there has not been perceptable increase in the net revenue collected by railways. On the other hand it has required careful financiering and shrewd business tact to carry on the business successfully, particularly in recent years when depression in trade has affected business circles generally. It will be lamentable, indeed, if the legislature enacts a law compelling railways to make passenger two cents per mile thereby strangle an industry which gives employment to thousands of citizens and which annually pays into the State funds an enormous amount of money.

A two-cent fare law can not result otherwise. If railway profits are now at a low ebb, a compulsory reduction in revenue will sink them still deeper. Less revenue will necessitate curtailing of expenses which will naturally affect the list of employes, number of trains and standard of service. Improvements will not go on, and the salary list will be shortened. Nearly every railway city, town and hamlet in the State has one or more railway employes in its population, and one or more families dependent upon the pay car of some railway. Less revenue for the railway means the disbursement of less money through employes. The effect will be felt on all sides; decreased salaries and idle men will lesson the demand for various articles and an era of business stagnation will result.

Lansing Notes.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

The A. M. E. Sunday school had their entertainment and tree on Xmas eve, and the large audience enjoyed the songs and recitations of the little ones. The distribution of presents excited much glee and among the children and older folks, and all went home highly pleased. Two quiet marriages occured during the holidays. that of Wm. Miller and Miss Sadie Timbers, the ceremony was performed by Rev. Thompson, the M. E. pastor, on the 27th, and that of Jas. Robinson and Miss Addie Wright, ceremony by Rev. Masterson of the A. M. E. church, on the 28th. Their nuptials were quite pleasant surprises to many friends of the embarking couples. Rev. and Mrs. Jason Bundy who were visiting here, were suddenly called to their home in chicago by the serious illness of their grandson. Messrs Aaron Davis of Alma and Nathan Davis of Eaton Rapids and their wives spent the holidays here with their mother, Mrs. Parker in a family re-union. Alex. Fowler and family have sold out their business here and removed to Mason to resume. The presence of this well known family will be greatly missed by their host of friends. Sol. Smith a farmer of Ypsilanti spent the holidays with his sister and her her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jackson in their palatial home on Kalamazoo street west. Mrs. S. Weaver and daughter have returned from a weeks visit among friends in Grand Rapids. The Xmas Freeman was more than the people expected, and received the higest praise.

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Reducing Taxes on Railways.

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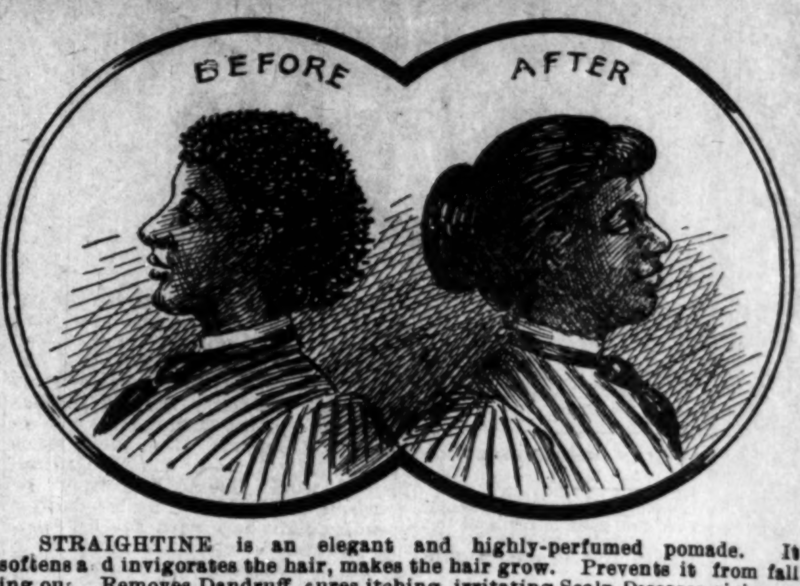

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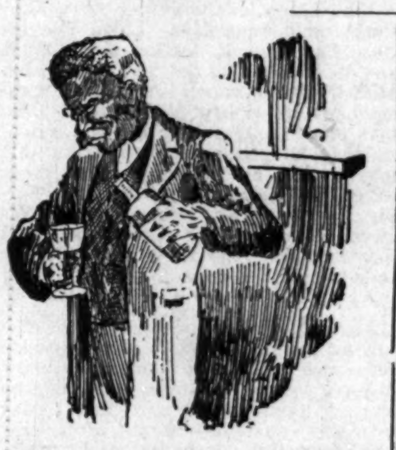

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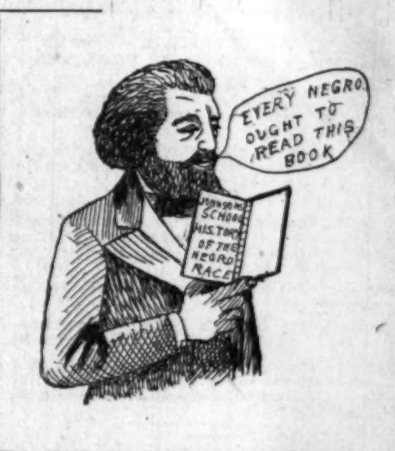
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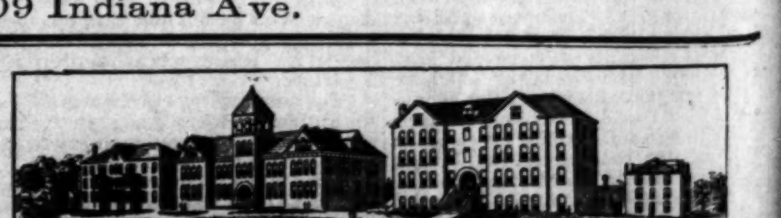

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RACE GLEANINGS.

The annual conference of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute will commence Feb. 1st.

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Hon. T. McCant Stewart, a prominent colored lawyer, of New York City is to represent an American firm in Hawaii at an annual salary of $5,000.

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Mrs. C. P. Huntington, of New York has given the means for a new girl's dormitory at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

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The National Anti-mob and Lynch Law Association has appointed Tony Howell Jr., of Terre Haute, Ind., State Deputy Organizer of the Association.

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Mr. Thomas C. Murray an experienced hotel man of Atlantic City, N. J. has bought the Grand Pacific hotel on Ocean front at the above named popular summer resort.

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An Afro-American by the name of Thos. Cunningham is operating a paying gold mine about 20 miles north of Needles and is running two stamp mills and one motor owned by himself. He does his shipping from the Needles weekly.

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In a park near Macon, Ga., there grew a tree upon which seven Afro-Americans had been lynched. The Sixth Virginia Regiment now in camp there upon being informed of this fact upon their arrival promptly cut it down. When the white keeper remonstrated with them they cut switches from it and gave him a sound thrashing.

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Representative Dalzell accompanied a delegation of colored men from Western Pennsylvania who called on President McKinley, Dec. 29, 1898 to present a memorial against the riots and the lynching of colored men in the South. It appealed for a just enforcement of the laws and for the enactment of legislation to prevent injustices to the colored race.

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Means were taken Monday to make public a statement that Rufus L. Perry a negro lawyer of Brooklyn, backed, it is declared by several well-known Tammany officials is to form a Negro settlement of 6,000 people within sight of Greater New York. According to the statement given out a tract of land comprising 1500 acres has been secured upon an option which will to-day be taken up. The families will be at once brought to their new homes from North and South Carolina and Georgia. The projectors of the scheme say they have the assurance that several large factories will be put into operation as soon as the people are settled. A town is to be formed and the projectors say they will not only be able to elect a mayor but an assemblyman as well. Each lot-holder will recieve a deed of his plot for which he will be charged $5. It is said that the new colony will be located in the new county of Nassau.

Social Pick-ups from Henderson.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

Quite a number of visitors selected our city to spend the holidays. Miss Virgie Alves was the hostess of a dinner party Dec. 26 in honor of her guests, Misses Gertie Berry and Anna Hughes of Evansville. Miss Mossie Turner of Owensboro and Mrs. Sallie Newton of Evansville, were guests of Mrs. L. H. Grayson last week. Mesdames Mary Tandy and Sallie Smith of Chicago are attending the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Eliza Towles who is very ill. Mrs. Cheanie Robinson of Lebanon, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. Kate Drake. John Dallam of Ashley, Ind., spent the holidays with relatives here. Mrs. Julia E. Smith spent the holidays in Owensboro. Miss Bessye Slaughter was the hostess of an old fashion Kentucky dinner, Dec. 26 at her home in Woodland Heights. A pleasant time was had by those in attendance. Miss Sophronia White entertained Dec. 28 in honor of visiting friends. Mrs. Louisa Cunningham of Lebanon, Ky., has returned home after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. Creasy Garrett. Prof. Todd of State University, Louisville, was the guest of J. M. Mundy last week. Mrs. Mary A. Gowdy of Nashville, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. F. O'Neal during the holidays. Mrs. H. F. Jones and daughter visited relatives in Madisonville last week. Messrs. Mack Valentine and Clarence Cabell came home from Nashville where they have been attending school to spend the holidays with relatives. Dr. S. A. O'Neal has returned to Louisville after spending a portion of the holidays with his family. Mrs. L. C. Johnson of Louisville is visiting her mother, Mrs. Maria Carr. Misses Nannie Lewis and Clara Linden, spent the holidays in Owensboro. A 'Dewey drill and concert was given at the Z. M. E. church Dec. 27. Miss Ida B. Jordan was manager of this entertainment and her effort was crowned with much success. Mrs. Emma Adams is convalescent from her recent illness. Ernest Ellis of Evansville, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis. A. Means, of Indianapolis, spent a few days with John L. Alves last week. Santa Claus visited the children of St. Clement's mission Dec. 26, and distributed a number of useful presents. A very enjoyable programme was rendered by the children before Santa Claus made his appearance. The children of the Methodist Sunday-school had their Xmas tree the same night also. The Baptist Sunday-school children had their Xmas tree Dec. 24. Delos Cabell has returned to Indianapolis after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cabell. Mrs. Maria Black was in Evansville last week. Miss Sarah B. Watson spent the holidays with relatives in the city. She left Jan. 1, to take charge of her school at Corydon, Ky. Douglas Marshall shot and instantly killed Peter Marshall, Wednesday night. The killing was accidental. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Browne gave a swell reception Dec. 29, at their residence 935 Clay street in honor of Mrs. Mary Gowdy of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Leona Richman of Little Rock, Ark. Games and music were the features of the evening. Refreshments of a delightful character were served in several courses. A delightful time was had by all present. Mr. Orton of Webster county was in the city last week. Miss Hattie Marshall and William Denton were married Dec. 28 at the bride's home on Fagan street. J. W. Jenkins came down from Worthington where he is teaching, and was "one of us" during the holidays. Mrs. Mary Alves and Miss F. A. Watson were in Evansville last week. Some one fired into the residence of Ed. McGuire Xmas evening night barely missing his wife. Mrs. Mary A. Edwards is indisposed.

What the War is Costing the Railways.

The railways are expected to yield over two and a half millions of dollars toward defraying war expenses. This vast amount will be collected as taxes in the form of stamps required on bills of lading etc. Aside from the actual war tax, a large expenditure will be necessary for extra printing, supplies and clerical work entailed in complying with the war tax law.

Notwithstanding this enormous outlay in addition to current expenses, there has been no material increase in railway earnings, and the average per mile fare received from each passenger during the year 1898 will fall below that of 1897, when it slightly exceeded two cents. The injustice of a law compelling railways to make a general fare of two cents per mile, under such circumstances, is plain.

Union City Dots.

Union City, Tenn., Special.

Prof. Amos Parr, visited his family last week. W. B. Martin, visited his parents at Trenton Xmas. Ten orders of the Christmas number of The Freeman could not be filled. Miss Ellen Wells went to Newben last week. Rev. B. F. Stone of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist church preached Christmas day to a crowded house a good sermon, took his text from the 3rd chapter of St. John. The Christmas trees at the C. P., A. M. E., C. M. E., and Baptist churches have a combined value of $500, with a close average. Harvey Howard visited his parents at Troy last week. John De bow, of Paducan, Ky., spent the holidays here with his parents. Tom Robinson of Dyersburg was up last week to see his parents. The remains of Lizzie daughter of Olonzo Lollow of this city was brought from Cairo, Ill., on Dec. 27th, and buried in the city cemetry. Billie Morris and son Johnnie of Commerce, Mo., returned home on the 20th ult. Arrangements have been made to have extra copies of The Freeman every Saturday at H. D. Wells barber shop on First street.

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Although the invention and introduction of the trolley system of street railways have been of inestimable value to civilization it has incidentally wrought some harm here and there. Emphasis was laid on one of these drawbacks to electric traction in the address delivered by Professor A. W. Rucker at a recent meeting of the British Association For the Advancement of Science.

In various parts of the world observatories have been established for the purpose of keeping track of the changes in the direction in which the magnetic needle points. It was long ago discovered not only that the compass does not aim directly at the north pole, but that the amount of variation in its indications from true north undergoes slow alterations. Hence it is necessary to make fresh charts, showing the variation for different parts of the globe every few years. But in order to get the data for such corrections—of the highest importance to the surveyor and mariner—it is requisite that careful observations be made continuously at a number of widely separated points.

Two of the most famous and hitherto useful institutions of this class are situated in Washington, in the grounds of the naval observatory and in Toronto. The interference of the electric currents that run through the earth and the track of trolley lines which have been constructed near these observatories interfere so much with the behavior of the instruments of both places that the records now obtained are practically worthless. And the experts are greatly puzzled by the problem of escaping from this vexatious interruption of their work.

So delicate are the influences which the magnets in such an observatory are intended to investigate that they can be perceived only when the apparatus is most scrupulously guarded. The room in which they are mounted is underground. Visitors are never admitted except under unusual circumstances and are required to deposit their jackknives, keys and all other metallic objects about their persons before entering the apartment. The magnets, generally bars of steel not over six inches long, are poised above a scale that is graduated to the most minute fractions, and a telescope, on an adjacent pillar, is used to read the fluctuations, which are too small to be discernible by the unassisted eye. A tiny mirror, as big as a dime, catches a beam of light more slender than the lead in a pencil and reflects it away to a sheet of slowly moving photographic paper, on which a permanent record is made. The arrangement of the apparatus is such that the movement of the magnet is magnified many times in the record, in order to render the changes perceptible.

There are three sets of instruments on duty in such an observatory. One swings horizontally, like a mariner's compass. Another dips up and down. A third is designed to measure the intensity of the earth's magnetism, which is a separate thing from the direction in which it acts. And so sensitive are they that their readings are apt to be interfered with by exceedingly trivial causes. It is customary for the superintendent to inscribe on the scroll "Visitors admitted," whenever such a breach of the regulations is permitted, so that if any abnormal fluctuation is detected in the motion of the magnets a suspicion of its meaning will be excited in the mind of the scientist who afterward examines the photographic trace.

In spite of the delicacy of the apparatus, it may seem surprising to the lay mind that the passage of trolley currents at a distance of many rods from the observatory should be able to affect the instruments within. But they do, and it is impossible to separate in the record the variations produced by genuine changes in terrestrial magnetism from those which are caused by the trolley. Professor Rucker said a few days ago: "From all parts of the world we hear of observatories ruined or threatened by the invasion of the electrical engineer. Toronto and Washington have already succumbed, Potsdam, Parc St. Maur, Greenwich and Kew are besieged, and the issue largely depends upon whether these great national observatories can or cannot make good their defense."

Although the practical service to mankind which is rendered by institutions of this class is alone sufficient to justify their maintenance and to warrant alarm as to their future, there are other questions involved which possess profound interest for the philosopher. We know that the earth is a magnet, but as yet no one is able to say what makes it so. The fundamental secret of terrestrial magnetism has not been solved. Then, too, there are various changes in direction which mark the behavior of the needle that remain to be explained. What influence is it that makes the needle swing to and fro to a microscopic extent every day? Why is it that the diurnal swing is greater in years of sun spot abundance than at the minimum stage of solar activity? Why do the indications of the needle differ in summer from those of winter? What is the key to the mystery of the long period movement that makes it necessary to rechart the situation? What causes the convulsive behavior of the magnets for a few hours or days when there is a great outbreak of sun spots? And is there any relation between the weather and the fluctuations in the earth's magnetism? There are theories on these subjects, but no generally accepted doctrines, and the human mind is so constituted that it will not rest until further light is obtained.—New York Tribune.

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Mrs. Nellie Lamont-Smith is visiting friends in Terre Haute.

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Miss Elnora Parker, was the guest of Terre Haute friends last week.

If your real estate be insolved consult Lawyers Henderson & Burkett.

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Mr. Will Kellum was in the the city several days last week on business.

Lawyers Henderson & Burkett are in their new office, 635 Lemcke Building.

Miss Nellie Goins of Richmond, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Burton last week.

We are pleased to hote the fact that Mrs. A. H. Henderson is improving from a recent illness.

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Mr. Jerry Williams has moved his family from Chicago street, N. Indianapolis to 2444 Ethel avenue.

The Needle Club was entertained last Thursday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mrs. Chas. H. Stewart.

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Rev. Z. Williams of Crawfordsville, was in the city several days last week. He was a visitor in the legislative halls.

The Woman's Club was entertained at the cosy home of Mrs. William Dixon Sr., in Yandes street Thursday evening.

Regarding Insurance see lawyers Henderson and Burkett.

Miss Ida Liverpool, who has been the guest of Miss Abrams and Mrs Henderson, has returned to her home in Cincinnati.

Don't fail to take advantage of our $1.00 rate—lasts until Jan 31st.

Mrs. Arthur Lockleir, of 1310 north Missouri street, has been quite sick for the past week, but under the care of W. E. Brown is convalesent.

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ENTRY.

Macaroni — Cheese

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SALADS.

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VEGETABLES.

Green Peas — Sweet Corn

PASTRY.

Rice Pudding — Custard Sauce

Ice Cream — Assorted Cake

Coffee, — Chocolate, — Tea

Items of Interest.

Huntington W. Va., Special.

Prof. C. H. Barnett made a business trip to St. Louis and returned Saturday. Dr. C. H. Payne, preached an excellent sermon at the First church Sunday night. Mr. George Scott, died last Tuesday. His funeral was preached at the Baptist church by Rev. R. Steele. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and left a wife and one child. With the coming in of the new year we are all made new resolves to attempt a greater work for humanity in the ensuring year. Among those who made resolutions we wonder how many resolved to subscribe for The Freeman, the great race paper? The la grippe is raging in this community and has almost become an epidemic. Mr. Morris Johnson, Ernest Scott, D. W. Perdew, are on the sick list. The literary of the First Baptist church was greatly disappointed at not hearing Prof. G. W. Hayes Friday night. Prof. Hayes came on Thursday, but was suddenly taken sick and forced to leave the next day for his home. Rev. John McCarthy (white) filled the vacancy with a very pleasant lecture on the subject: "What is man?" The fair given by the Rising Sons and Daughters during the Christmas was a success. Hayes Coleman, of Cincinnati, is visiting Mrs. Wilkins. Thomas Winston is visiting friends. Miss Helen Epps won the piano at the M. E. church for having received the largest amount of money for the church. Miss Bertha Morton, spent Xmas with her mother.

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Editor The Freeman:—I acknowledge the receipt of the 150 Xmas numbers, Dec. 24th., also congratulate you upon their fine form, for as you fittingly expressed it, "they sold like hot cakes." Your very truly,

LOGAN H. STEWART,
315 Locust street, Evansville, Ind.

Editor The Freeman:—Enclosed please find money order for $1.00, subscription to your valuable paper The Freeman. Your Christmas number is a valuable copy to the race. Yours,

F. A. PURNELL,
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Editor The Freeman:—Enclosed please find one dollar for which you will please send me your paper the ensuing year,

Your Truly,
REV. N. W. CANTY, B. D.
Kosse, Tex.

Editor The Freeman:—The Freemans of Dec., 24th, were received much to my delight. The number exhibits a very great advance in Negro journalism.

SAMUEL A. RATLIFF,
New Albany, Ind.

Editor The Freeman:—Your splendid Christmas number easily gives The Freeman and unrivalled place in Negro journalism. I congratulate you most heartily. Enclosed find one dollar on account on my subscription.

Very Truly Yours,
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Chicago.

The Xmas editon of The Indianapolis, Ind., Freeman is a gem, It is artistic and typogtaphical appearance reflects credit upon the management. while its columns teem with interesting and interesting and instructive matter from the pens of highly cultivated colored men and women.—The Republican.

Editor The Freeman:—Your Christmas number surpassed anything in journalism I have ever seen. I wish every Negro could read it. Truly Yours,

J. R. GLOSTER.
Brownsville, Tenn.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox,

My Dear Sir:—I want to congratulate you and The Freeman force on getting out such a splendid Christmas number. In addtion to the many excellent signed articles and much high class editorial matter, the mechanical get up of the paper is most commendable, you have surpassed yourself.

Yours Truly.
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Editor Freeman:—Your Xmas number of The Freeman has excelled any paper daily or weekly that has reached Meridian so far. I have not got enough papers to fill my orders, please send me 10 more at once, and if I want more I hope you will let me have them. a great many took a copy that did not order it, therefore I have to order more. I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours for success in 1899,
T. MURRAY.
Meridian, Miss.

Editor of The Freeman:—I am in receipt of the Christmas issue of The Freeman. Enclosed I am pleased to hand you payment for and a stamped wrapper for 5 copies of the Christmas number. I am so well pleased with this number that I would like to send a few copies to my soldier friends far off in Cuba that they might peruse the columns of the race's greatest mouthpiece, with even greater interest than I search its pages. Send them by immediate return mail.

Yours for continued race progress,
JOHN Jr THOMAS,
1324 Union Ave., P. O. Station "A."
Kansas City, Mo.

Elwood C, Knox, Esq.,

No one I am sure will attempt to deny the truth that the 1898 Christmas number of The Freeman is the finest edition of a Negro newspaper that has ever been published in the history of Negro journalism from whatever standpoint. My restless eagerness for its early arrival was more than repaid in its quiet perusals. Indeed it made me think more than ever of the possibilities to be obtained by a well supported Negro newspaper. I like to contribute to The Freeman because of the one principle it has,—a principle that cannot help but make it the ideal newspaper organ of the race; the endeavor to print all the news; not the news of certain factions or clicks, but as the people's paper, the news of the people, irrespective of their position in life.

The Freeman is certainly making rapid strides in advance of all its competitors and as I said on a former occasion in demonstrating in more ways than one that it is "the King of them all." Its 20 pages of the issue before me illustrates in every article that it is keeping abreast of the times and deserves the hearty support of the race throughout the country. All hail The Christmas Freeman '98.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
EDWARD ELMORE BROCK.
1525 Dean street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

HON. ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE.

Caucus Nominee of the Republican Party of Indiana for United States Senator.

At the announced meeting of some days ago, the law makers of Indiana brought forward Hon. Albert J. Beveridge of Indianapolis, a shrewd lawyer, an eloquent speaker, and an astute politician. a young man who by dent and push has come up through hardships and turmoil to pose as the embodiment of the wishes and hopes of the party, calculated by the prestage achieved on the stump and the qualifications resultant of hard study to unite in one grand concentrated thought and feeling the divided opinions and sentiments of the party in the two branches of the state legislature. The caucus at the State House on last Tuesday night resulted in this hoped for union, and Mr. Beveridge was chosen as the party nominee to represent this state in the United State Senate.

The Republican party that stands for American thrift, energy and good government usually does the right thing, at the right time. Should Mr. Beveridge be chosen by this wise body, the state of Indiana will have in the United State Senate. two of the strongest orators and ablest lawyers from the west on the senate floor. Like Senator Fairbanks he enjoys a national reputation as an able exponent of protection, sound money and the McKinley administration.

The Freeman a colored paper published by the Hon. Geo. L. Knox, of this city, was a thing of beauty Dec., 24th. The Freeman is twelve years old to-day and circulates in nearly every state and territory in the Union.—Indianapolis Marion County Gazette.

Pine Bluff, Ark., 12, 27, '98

Dear Editor Knox:—The Freeman came to my desk this Christmas filled with the latest and the best of all good things, of news and beauty. I have read the newspapers nearly all my life, and have seen American, English and German newspapers of art, science and literature, but it is a fact that your Christmas edition surpasses anything of the kind I have ever read. Your paper is the exponent of a true genius business and go-aheadativeness. Evidently all you need to create a great journal is a strong aggressive support from your people should they unite from the great west and south upon your paper and give to it such support as they are able to give it, you would build up an engine of protection for the people, as strong and impregnable in this country as the Rock of Gibralter. Your paper is a credit to your race and its country. Your patriotism is not to be surpassed by any journal extant. You have demonstrated to the world the possibility of first class journalism. and you have stuck to it, and built up a paper that has taken its place to stay against all comers and goers. No man need doubt along this line. Unlike some others whatever your paper says can be depended on. It is chaste in language, and philosophic in its expression. Its mechanical work is second to none. clean clear facial type, the impression of its rollers is as regular, smooth and pretty as sunlight and the paper in its morality as pure as the thoughts of a pilate. God bless you and your great herculean effort to drive the quill of justice, morality and common sense into the home, head and heart of every American citizen. Go forward and fight the battles of a poor and oppressed people. God may have chosen and designated the force of your diamond point to split the Chinese wall of prejudice and grant to the American people of color freedom. Yours Truly,

A. M. MIDDLEBROOKS.

Editor The Freeman:—Permit me to congratulate you on the Xmas number. It is the best you have yet issued and I sincerely wish that I could help you place 25,000 copies into the homes of the race. I remain your friend,

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